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Attorney General John Ashcroft
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

The settlement with Microsoft has my full support. We must allow a return to business for the tech industry as soon as possible.

There are many changes required by the settlement. For instance, Microsoft has agreed to a "Technical Committee" that will monitor Microsoft's compliance to the settlement. Also, Microsoft has agreed to license its Windows operating system products to the 20 largest computer makers on identical terms, including price. Plus, Microsoft has agreed not to retaliate against computer makers who ship software that competes with anything in its Windows operating system. Clearly, these changes will benefit both consumers and the economy.

The settlement will not only be fair and reasonable but also will prevent future anticompetitive behavior. In addition, the recession has had a big effect on the economy, and this settlement may spark a new upswing.

Sincerely,



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